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July 30, 2001

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David E. Janssen

Chief Administrative Officer

BLIND ENTERPRISE MASTER AGREEMENT (ITEM NO. 82 AGENDA OF JULY 31, 2001)

On July 24, 2001, Supervisor Antonovich requested that the Chief Administrative Office give a status report to your Board by July 31, 2001, regarding the Business Enterprise Program's (BEP) Master Cafeteria Agreement with the State Department of Rehabilitation.

The original BEP agreement was approved by the Board for the term July 31, 1990, through June 1, 1995, and has been on a month to month holdover since that time. A draft proposed agreement which has been negotiated over the past three years was sent to the State on March 5, 2001, for final approval.

My staff has met with the State representatives to resolve the issues relating to this agreement. Some of the more difficult issues involve 1) the State's compliance with County Health Department regulations and the maintenance of an "A" rating, 2) compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance, 3) dealing with existing violations among some of the 30 BEP operators in County owned buildings, and 4) quality of service issues.

The State has been extremely slow in responding to document drafts and new County requirements such as the Living Wage Ordinance. In addition, the State has had numerous staffing changes which have slowed the progress of the negotiations.



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We will continue to work with the State to attempt to resolve these important issues.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors County Counsel